

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2015, CONFERENCE ROOM 2, SWVTC

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 for a special meeting called to review the SWVTC Human Research Proposal.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Bowers
Nancy Thurman
Frank Diamond
Sandy Yates
Vickey McCarty

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Helen Rippey
Dona Blair

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager
Crystal Vaughan, Administrative Support
Patricia Bullion, Staff Development Director
Dennis Shrewsbury, SWVTC Director
Research Team:
Anisa M. Zvonkovic, Ph.D., Human Development, Professor & Head
Katrina Powell, Ph.D., English, Associate Professor & Women and Gender Studies (Program Director)
Pamela Teaster, Ph.D., Human Development, Professor, Center for Gerontology
Amy Sorensen, Ph.D., Women and Gender Studies, Health and Disability, Social Movements, Instructor

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER.

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of all present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Thurman shared her history with the research team.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda made by Nancy Thurman; seconded by Vickey McCarty and unanimously approved.

V. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER HUMAN RESEARCH

REVIEW PERSUANT TO 12VAC35-115-130:

- **Institutional Review Board Approval**

▪ **Plan for Periodic Updates on Status of Individual Participation**

Dr. Zvonkovic gave an overview of the research project explaining that the process will consist of interviews conducted with individuals and their family members in order to gather qualitative data regarding the transition process. Following a thorough review of the researchers' backgrounds, the proposed process and the documents submitted for review, a question and answer session between ACLHRC and the Research Team took place. There was a discussion about the fact that most of our individuals' participation will require substitute consent which will need to be given by the individuals' Authorized Representatives. The researchers had included a form entitled "assent" and the ACLHRC recommended that the project rely on the informed consent of the individuals who have capacity or their Authorized Representatives in accordance with the Human Rights Regulation.

There was discussion about how to select participants and together with Mr. Shrewsberry it was concluded that the Research group will develop a brochure for distribution to appropriate candidates by the Community Services staff. Patricia Bullion, chairperson of the Research Committee, was appointed as the facilitator to the research team.

ACLHRC requests an update from the Research Team at the next quarterly meeting on July 22, 2015.

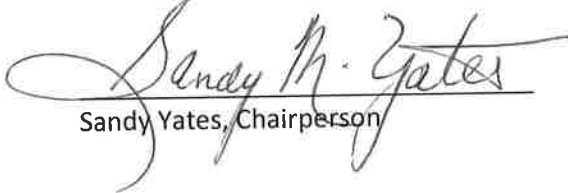
Mrs. Yates thanked the Team for the presentation. No action was required by the ACLHRC.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought to the table.

- VII.** Nancy Thurman made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by William Bowers and unanimously approved.

Approved:


Sandy Yates, Chairperson